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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/653,070

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Harry Vartanian

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/5/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-7 and 9-32.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on 9/3/2004, Frank L. Bernstein(Registration # 31484) requested an extension of time for 1 MONTH(S) and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 19-4880 the required fee of \$110 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

***Please change the following in Claim 1, line 2:***

transmitting data signals[[:]], said interconnect circuit comprising:

***Please change the following in Claim 1, lines 5-10:***

[[wherein said data line selectively interrupts and reestablishes transmission of said data signals at selected portions of said data line responsive to said congestion signals.]]

wherein said data line comprises a plurality of data driving circuits which selectively interrupt and reestablish transmission of said data signals responsive to said congestion signals and wherein said plurality of data driving circuits store said data signals temporarily when said transmission of said data signals is interrupted.

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***Please change the following in Claim 6, lines 3-8:***

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[[wherein said additional data lines selectively interrupt and reestablish transmission of said additional data signals at selected portions of said additional data lines responsive to said congestion signals.]] wherein said one or more additional data lines comprise a plurality of data driving circuits which selectively interrupt and reestablish transmission of said data signals responsive to said congestion signals and wherein said plurality of data driving circuits store said data signals temporarily when said transmission of said data signals is interrupted.

***Please change the following in Claim 9, lines 1:***

An interconnect circuit according to claim 1 **[[8]]** wherein

***Please change the following in Claim 10, lines 1:***

An interconnect circuit according to claim 1 **[[8]]** wherein

***Please change the following in Claim 26, line 2***

signals through an interconnect~~[[;]]~~, said method comprising:

***CANCEL CLAIMS 3 AND 8.***

**Reasons for Allowance**

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1, 15, and 26 have been amended to clearly show that the invention pertains to a system for managing congestion in an integrated circuit, and not a data network like ATM. The prior art for integrated circuits failed to clearly show such a congestion management system, in particular one that:

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*"selectively interrupt and reestablish transmission of said data signals responsive to said congestion signals"*

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry Vartanian whose telephone number is 571.272.3048. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00-6:30 Mondays to Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 571.272.3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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